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SUBJ: UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM REPLIES TO QUESTION ON
INDONCHINA AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 17

DURING UN SYG WALDHEIM'S PRESS BRIEFING
APRIL 17 HE REPLIED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO QUESTIONS ON
INDONCHINA; EMPHASIZING AND RE-EMPHASIZING HIS COMMITMENT TO
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE:

(A) ASKED IF HE OR OTHER UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS HAD
DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
(PRG), KHMER ROUGE AND HANOI, WALDHEIM SAID UN WAS IN
CONTACT WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE CONFLICT IN VIET-NAM. HE
POINTED OUT THAT REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAD AN OBSERVER OFFICE
IN NEW YORK, THAT UN AGENCIES DEALING WITH HUMANITARIAN
ACTIVITIES HAD DIRECT CONTACTS WITH HANOI AND PRG, AND
THAT PRG HAD A LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA, WITH WHICH
UN MAINTAINED CONTACT TO CLARIFY WHAT WERE HUMANITARIAN
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ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF AREAS UNDER CONTROL OF PRG.

(B) SYG SAID THAT UN OFFICIALS HAD REMAINED IN CAMBODIA. AT 2:00 AM (NEW YORK TIME) APRIL 17, UN REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD STAYED IN PHNOM PENH HAD INFORMED HEADQUARTERS VIA BANGKOK OF CURRENT SITUATION. INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, WHICH HAD BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES, HAD CONFIRMED THAT FIGHTING HAD ENDED THIS MORNING AND THAT SECURITY ZONE OF HOTEL PHNOM WAS FUNCTIONING WELL AND SOME 2,000 PERSONS HAD TAKEN REFUGE THERE.

(C) SYG SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT AHT DIRECT CONTACTS WHICH UN HAD WITH PARTIES IN INDO-CHINA WOULD HELP UN DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN HUMANITARIAN FIELD.

(D) ASKED IF THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN CAMBODIA WOULD COME TO UN, SYG SAID HE HAD NO INDICATIONS UP TO NOW. HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT WERE INTENTIONS OF NEW AUTHORITIES.

(E) A CORRESPONDENT SAID LESS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED IF FIGHTING WERE TO STOP IN INDO-CHINA. HE ASKED IF SYG PLANNED TO APPEAL TO THE BELLIGERENTS TO MAKE SAIGON AN OPEN CITY AND SPARE IT FROM SIEGE AND BLOODSHED.

(F) SYG SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE QUESTIONER WOULD UNDERSTAND HE COULD NOT ANSWER THE SPECIFIC QUESTION. BUT HE ASSURED THE QUESTIONER THAT HE WOULD TAKE WHATEVER HUMANITARIAN ACTION HE DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES.

(G) ASKED IF HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE \$100 MILLION SYG ESTIMATED AS NEEDED WOULD BE RAISED, IF A DEADLINE HAD BEEN SET AND FOR A DEFINITION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE MONEY WOULD BE USED, SYG SAID THE RESPONSE TO HIS ORIGINAL APPEAL AND THE EFFORTS OF AGENCIES DEALING WITH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE SO FAR. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MONEY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF ASSISTANCE. NO DEADLINE WAS SET FOR GETTING THE \$100 MILLION BUT IT WAS VERY URGENT THAT THE MONEY BE FORTHCOMING SOON. OPERATION IN QUESTION WAS PURELY HUMANITARIAN--TO FEED AND CLOTHE PEOPLE AND BRING THEM MEDICINES. SIR ROBERT TACKSON WAS COORDINATING THE OPERATION AT HEADQUARTERS ON THE BASIS
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OF REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

(H) SYG THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE TODAY STATING THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS APPEAL, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME WAS RELEASING \$6 MILLION WORTH OF EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF TO INDO-CHINA.

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